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### HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD RESUBMITS REQUEST FOR AID

An application for state and federal funds to aid in the construction of a hospital in the Washington Township Hospital District will be resubmitted to the State Department of Public Health in the near future.

The action was voted Wednesday evening by the board of directors of the district at a meeting held at Washington Union High School.

#### CUT COST 25 PER CENT

The local board had originally estimated that the cost of constructing and equipping a hospital here would be \$1,200,000 and had asked for federal and state aid on that basis.

Their application, submitted in July of 1949, was returned by the State Department of Public Health with the notation that it was "unable to act favorably" on the proposition.

L. S. Whitaker, chairman of the local hospital district board, announced Wednesday evening that a more recent survey of construction costs shows that the original estimates were too high. The new application will be based on a total cost of \$880,000, a reduction of almost 25 per cent.

By being able to cut the total cost and thus reduce the amount of appropriations needed from state and federal funds, Whitaker was hopeful that the state health department might endorse the plan.

#### INVITE OFFICIALS HERE

"We are also going to ask the members of the State Board of Health to come here and go over the district with the local district board," Whitaker said. "We are hopeful that by getting a first-hand picture of our district and its needs the board might better understand our problems."

Members of the local hospital district board, in addition to Whitaker, are: A. E. Alameda, Allan Walton, M. S. Silva and Fred Melhase.

### LARGE CROWD ENJOYS VETS YULE PARTY

Tap-dancing by a group of little girls, as well as motion pictures and a visit by old St. Nick, in addition to community singing provided plenty of entertainment for the veterans' Christmas party held Monday evening at the Memorial Building in Niles.

A large crowd of veterans and their families enjoyed the affair, which was sponsored jointly by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their Auxiliary, and the Washington Township Post American Legion and their Auxiliary.

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### SPONSOR CONTEST IN CENTERVILLE

Harry Weber, A. E. Alameda and Erle Hygelund were named Wednesday as judges of the Centerville Chamber of Commerce Christmas Decorations contest.

The Chamber will award cash prizes for the best decorated homes and business houses of the community. Judging was to be done last night.

It was voted to remove the Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 8, and a call for volunteers was made.

The group also voted to suspend the weekly meetings until after the holidays, setting the next meeting for Wednesday, January 11.

### NEWARK SCHOOL MOVES CLASSES TO NEW BUILDING

Six classes of the Newark Elementary School have moved into their beautiful new school building and two more are expected to be shifted from the old building during the holiday vacation.

J. I. MacGregor, district superintendent and principal of the school, said this week that the two first grades, two second grades, eighth grade and third grade are now housed in the new building. He stated that the fourth and fifth grades will be moved next week if the necessary furniture for the new classrooms arrives in time.

The sixth and seventh grades will be housed in the old building until such time as the additional portion of the overall building program is completed. The new building houses nine classrooms, the principal's office and a teachers' room. According to the state-approved building plan for the Newark District the section completed is approximately half of the overall construction.

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### CAROL SINGING TONIGHT AT NILES FLAGPOLE

A special Christmas treat is in store for the townspeople of Niles tonight, for at six o'clock the Niles Cub Scout Pack will perform in a Christmas carol program at the flagpole.

Not only the carols will be sung as group numbers, but several duets will be sung, including: Johnny Stewart and Stanley Rebell singing "Silent Night"; Billy Granger and Gil Whipple singing "Jingle Bells"; Kenneth Andrus and Clifford Andrus singing "Santa Claus is Coming to Town"; and "Skeeter" Brown and John Cattaneeo Jr. singing "White Christmas."

Den One will sing "Silent Night," with Jed Oxborrow accompanying the boys on an instrument; and all of the dens together will join in singing the favorite old Christmas carols.

The Cubs, who have rehearsed diligently for this program, hope that the townspeople will show their appreciation by appearing at the performance. Mrs. John Stewart will lead them in singing, while her husband will act as master of ceremonies.

Plan on having an early dinner tonight, so that you can be down town to hear the boys at six o'clock. You won't want to miss it!

### SERVICES TODAY FOR FORMER RESIDENT

The body of Mrs. Julie Gallant, a former resident of Niles who died early this week in San Francisco, will be brought here today for brief services and interment.

Mrs. Gallant, the former Julie Fadi, is a sister of Mrs. Leontine Rose of Niles.

Services will be held at the Berge Mortuary Company at 2 p.m. today, followed by interment at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Mission San Jose.

### NEWARK TO GET 'SPECIAL' VISIT

The Newark Chamber of Commerce this week completed a "deal" with Santa Claus.

The jolly old gentleman has agreed to pay a special visit to the community early Christmas Eve to visit the youngsters before they are tucked into bed.

Under the arrangements made with the Chamber of Commerce, persons having youngsters in their home who would like a visit from the First Citizen of the North Pole should turn on their porch light early in the evening.

As soon as the visit is concluded they are asked to turn off their porch light to save him the trouble of duplication.

### HELM, ENOS NAMED TO VACANCIES ON NILES FIRE BOARD

The appointment of Bill Helm and E. E. Enos to the Niles Board of Fire Commissioners, subject to the approval of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, was announced this week by A. M. Alves, board chairman.

Enos and Helm were named to fill the vacancies on the board created by the resignation of E. E. Dias and Virgil Young.

The resignation of Dias marks the completion of more than 25 years of service by Mr. Dias to the fire department of Niles.

More than 25 years ago he joined the volunteer fire department as a fireman. A short time later he became assistant fire chief.

About 1929 he was appointed to the Board of Commissioners and has served as secretary of that body until his resignation this week.

Mr. Young had served as clerk of the board for the past two years.

### TOWNSHIP CHAMBER WILL BE ORGANIZED OFFICIALLY DEC. 28

Endorsement of the proposed Township Chamber of Commerce was voted by a sixth community Chamber of Commerce this week and the remaining Chamber will meet tonight for a vote on the plan.

Newark Chamber, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, voted endorsement and financial backing to the proposed organization, becoming the sixth of the seven local community groups to favor the township-wide organization.

Leslie Maffey, secretary of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce, announced that cards have been mailed to members calling for a meeting tonight at 8 o'clock at the fire station, at which time the plan will be submitted to the members for vote. The annual election of officers for the Alvarado Chamber will also be held at tonight's meeting.

Prior to this week's action, Chambers of Commerce in Niles, Centerville, Warm Springs, Irvington and Decoto had voted to participate in the Township Chamber.

All delegates from the individual Chambers to the Township Chamber will meet at the Justice Court in Centerville on Wednesday, December 28, at 8 p.m., at which time the unit will be officially organized and officers elected.

The delegates, at their last meeting, expressed hope that a part time executive secretary could be employed and the organization be in operation by January 1.

#### INSIDE, PLEASE

On page nine you will find further news concerning your friends and what they will be doing over the Christmas holiday.

## Antone George Family Asphyxiated in Home; Blame Faulty Furnace

An entire family of three lost their lives by asphyxiation in their home near Niles during the night Monday.

The victims were Antone P. George, 48, his wife, Irene Vincent George, 45, and their son, Marvin, 16, who were found dead in their home one mile west of Niles on the Niles-Alvarado highway about 10 a.m. Tuesday.

The faulty floor-type furnace, which had filled the closed house with deadly carbon monoxide fumes, was still burning when sheriff's deputies forced their way into the house.

Mr. and Mrs. George and their son had spent the evening at his brother's, Frank P. George, next door, and had returned to their home shortly after 9 p.m.

The prominent young couple had just celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary last week.

As the bodies were carried solemnly from the home, officers stopped to turn off the Christmas lights on the tree which was surrounded by gaily wrapped packages that the family had prepared for a Christmas which they never lived to celebrate.

In reconstructing the tragedy, B. D. Bungarz, chief deputy coroner, stated that it was apparent that Mr. George and Marvin went to bed in separate bedrooms while Mrs. George remained up to do some ironing in her husband's room.

It is believed that she was the only one of the three ever to realize that something was wrong. Unable to smell the deadly fumes, she had apparently sensed that she was becoming ill and had removed one shoe before she collapsed on the bed beside her husband. Mr. George and Marvin never awakened from their sleep.

Discovery of the tragedy was made after his brother was unable to arouse anyone the following morning and called the officers.

HAD WORKED ON FURNACE  
Coroner Bungarz, following an examination of the bodies, estimated that death occurred about midnight.

The deputy coroner went on to say that an examination of the premises revealed that an air vent on the furnace was not connected. He said that he learned that the furnace had been worked on the previous day by Mr. George and a friend.

A rosary service was recited at the parlors of the Berge Mortuary Company in Niles last evening. Services for all three of the victims will be held at 9:30 a.m. today (Friday) from the parlors of the mortuary, followed by a requiem mass at Corpus Christi Church, Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward.

Both Mr. and Mrs. George were natives of San Leandro. He was the son of Mrs. Mary Rose of Hayward and the late Frank P. George; brother of Frank P. George of Niles, Mrs. Edward Frates of Hayward, and Edward George of San Francisco.

Mrs. George was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antone J. Silva of San Leandro and sister of Mrs. William J. Hart of San Leandro.

Young Marvin, member of the Junior class at Washington Union High School, was the couple's only child.

HEY! SANTA'S HERE!  
Hey, kiddies! Want to see old Santa Claus himself in person? Okay, then trot down to the Peerless Bus Depot in Niles tomorrow (Saturday) between 3:30 and 5 o'clock, and Santa will have a little chat with you. And—sh-h-h—(this is secret) we think maybe he has a little gift for you, too. Be sure to be there.

### HERMAN MAU DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Herman Mau, 67, prominent Centerville machinist, succumbed suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Centerville Tuesday evening.

The well known businessman had attended a whist party given by the Washington Township Sportsmen's Club, of which he was an active member, during the evening and had just returned to his home when he was stricken.

Mr. Mau first opened his machine shop in Centerville in 1923 at the corner of Main and Parish Streets. Ten years ago he moved his shop to the Centerville Garage and Machine Shop.

He was a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 3, Oakland, and the Township Sportsmen's Club.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Vivian Mau; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Riele of Hayward and Maxine Mau of Centerville; a sister, Mrs. Edith Wright of Oakland, and a brother, Fred Mau of Modesto. He was a native of Nevada.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. today (Friday) from the parlors of the Chapel of the Palms, Centerville, under the auspices of the I.O.O.F. Lodge. Closing services will be at the Oak Hill Crematory, San Jose.

### MRS. R. S. RANGEL CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. Rosaria S. Rangel, 46, 404 Third Street, Niles, died in an Alameda Hospital Tuesday.

She was a native of Mexico and the wife of Esteban Rangel and mother of Rosemary Rangel.

Services will be held from the parlors of the Berge Mortuary Company, Niles, at 9 a.m. Tuesday, December 27, followed by a requiem mass at Corpus Christi Church.

Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward.

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## A Quiet Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. William Dutra of Third Street, Niles, are spending their first Christmas together (they were married in August), but it will have to be a fairly quiet one, for Mrs. Dutra is recovering from a major operation performed at the O'Connor Hospital in San Jose. She returned from the hospital last Saturday, after nine days spent there.

## Get Well Wishes

Friends of Mrs. C. L. Hill of Niles will be sorry to learn that after battling an illness for a couple of months, she has found it necessary to give up and go to bed. She is being cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Ed Olsen of Oakland, who says that her mother is really seriously ill. Her many friends here will be sending "get-well" wishes along with their Christmas greetings.

## Christening Ceremonies

Little Rosemary Damas, seven weeks' old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Damas of Santos Avenue, was christened at Holy Ghost Church last Thursday with the Rev. Father O'Connor officiating. The godparents were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Castro of Niles.

A dinner celebrating the event was held at the Damas home for the Castros, and Mr. and Mrs. L.

J. Cunha of Oakland, and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Fields of Niles.

## Newarkites at Party

Mr. and Mrs. Alex de Knoop of Newark were guests at a birthday party in Pleasanton at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Minchovich. The highlight of the party was the viewing of a brand new television set, which was the Christmas gift the Minchovich family gave themselves.

## Here from Okinawa

Major Fred Rogers and family arrived in Centerville Monday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogers. Major Rogers, his wife and four-year-old daughter, have just returned from Okinawa where he was stationed with the U. S. Air Force for the past two years. At the conclusion of his furlough he will report to an air base in Louisiana.

## Ensign Bendel Home

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bendel of Niles feel very fortunate indeed in having their son, Ensign Roland Bendel Jr., home with them for the holiday season. The young ensign drove across country from Pensacola, Florida, where he attends flight training school. He left last Friday with two other traveling companions and arrived Sunday night, driving a non-stop

trip. He will be here until the 30th.

## Buehlers Return From Vacation

Dr. and Mrs. Lyle Buehler have returned to their home in Niles after a very pleasant week's vacation spent in Glendale visiting former townships, Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Westphal. Enroute home they stopped off at Carmel for a short stay.



## Christmas Baking Needs

## For Tasty Pies

Mince Meat	English Maid—28-oz. Glass	35¢
Red Tart Cherries	Honey Bird, Pitted No. 2 Can	29¢
Sliced Apples	Lucky Leaf—No. 2 Can	17¢
Moonbeam Pumpkin	No. 2 1/2 Can	10¢
Pie Crust Mix	Pillsbury—9-oz. Package	15¢

## For Cakes &amp; Puddings

Cake Flour	Softasilk—44-oz. Package	35¢
Glaze Fruit Mix	S&W or Lyon's—1-lb.	39¢
Brown Sugar	1-lb. Package	10¢
Seedless Raisins	Sun-Maid—15-oz. Pkg.	15¢
Vanilla Extract	Schilling's—2-oz. Glass	35¢

## For Other Baked Foods

Kitchen Craft Flour	10-lb. Bag	83¢
Royal Satin Shortening	3-lb. Can	69¢
Karo Syrup	Crystal White—1 1/2-lb. Glass	19¢
Hot Roll Mix	Duff's—14 1/2-oz. Package	24¢
Cake Mix	Betty Crocker Devils Food or Party 20-oz. Package	33¢
Bisquick	Gold Medal Biscuit Flour—40-oz.	39¢
Shelled Walnuts	8-oz. Cello	49¢

Festive foods are as much a part of Christmas as holly wreaths and mistletoe. Be sure of perfect eating enjoyment throughout the holidays. Supply all your food needs at Safeway. Only foods which meet high standards of quality are offered here. Every item is backed by Safeway's guarantee of complete satisfaction. Check the lists below for holiday shopping suggestions.

Spring House Butter	1st Quality, Cubes 1-lb. Carton	65¢
Del Monte Peas	Early Garden—17-oz. Can	2 for 33¢
Folgers or M.J.B Coffee	1-lb.	69¢
Cherub Milk	Evaporated—Tall Cans	3 for 25¢
Sliced Pineapple	Libby or Dole—No. 2 Can	25¢
Mild Cheddar Cheese	Chatham, Bulk—Pound	49¢
Crisco Shortening	3-lb. Can	75¢

All items subject to stock on hand—Right to limit reserved

## Menu Selections

## To Serve as Appetizers

Tea Timer Crackers	1-lb. Package	25¢
Cream Cheese	Kraft Phila. or Pimiento 3-oz. Package	15¢
Green Olives	House Party—10-oz. Glass	25¢
Pineapple Juice	Libby or Dole—No. 2 Can	14¢
Shady River Shrimp	Small, Wet Pack 5-oz. Can	38¢

## Relishes &amp; Dressings

Sweet Pickles	Sliced—Lady's Choice 24-oz. Glass	35¢
S&W Ripe Olives	Mammoth—No. 1 Can	35¢
India Relish	Heinz—10-oz. Glass	25¢
Salad Dressing	Duchess—Quart Glass	49¢
French Dressing	Girard's—8-oz. Glass	27¢

## To Serve With Dinner

Cranberry Sauce	Ocean Spray 16-oz. Can	2 for 25¢
Apple Sauce	Lakemead, Sonoma Gravensteins No. 2 Can	15¢
New Potatoes	Irish—Beverly—No. 300 Can	10¢
Fancy Tomatoes	Flotill, S. P.—1 1/2-oz. Can	10¢
Green Beans	Whole—Briargate, Vertical Pak No. 2 Can	29¢
Sugar Belle Peas	Sweet—#303 Can	15¢
Niblets Mexican	12-oz. Can	16¢

## Meats For Your Holiday

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Fancy Smoked Hams	For Baking. Whole, Either Half or Butt Portion—Lb.	52¢
Pork Loin Roast	Fresh, Tender Pork—Half, Whole, or Loin End Cuts—Lb.	43¢
Standing Rib Roast	Of Beef. Fine Tender Cuts for that Special Dinner—Lb.	68¢

## OVEN-READY POULTRY

ROASTING DUCKS 73¢ Genuine, Long Island—Lb.

YOUNG FOWL 65¢ Tender Meated for Fricassee—Lb.

LARGE ROASTERS 73¢ Select Eastern. Full of Flavor Meat—Lb.

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Halibut Steaks Select Cuts—Lb. 48¢

Fresh Oysters Pint Jar 65¢

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## Candies &amp; Nuts

Chocolate Drops	Ultra Fine—1-lb. Cello	25¢
Swedish Mints	Ultra Fine—1-lb. Cello	29¢
Cherries	Chocolate Coated—Chase—1-lb. Box	49¢
Satin Mix Candy	Ultra Fine—1-lb. Cello	25¢
Terry's Thin Mints	Choc. Covered—1-lb.	49¢
Jelly Beans	Ultra Fine—1-lb. Cello	25¢

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Mixed Nuts	Ensign—1-lb. Cello	25¢
Brazil Nuts	Ensign—1-lb. Cello	33¢
Large Filberts	Ensign—1-lb. Cello	33¢
Paper Shell Pecans	Funsten's—1-lb. Cello	43¢
Large Budded Walnuts	Diamond—1-lb.	42¢

## Desserts &amp; Beverages

Jane Martin Fruit Cake	1-lb. 10-oz.	69¢
R & R Plum Pudding	16-oz. Can	45¢
Whipping Cream	Lucerne—1/2 Pint Carton	11¢
Powdered Sugar	1-lb. Package	11¢
Jell-Well Desserts	Assorted Gelatines and Puddings—3-oz. Package	2 for 11¢
Apricots	Whole Peeled—Valley Gold—2 1/2 Can	23¢
Grape Juice	Tea Garden—46-oz. Can	45¢
Tea Bags	Tree Tea, O. P. & P.—Carton 16 Bags	20¢
Monte Cristo Wine	Sherry, Pale Dry, Apocelizer 1/5 Bottle	68¢
La Mesa Wines	Port, Muscatel, Desert or Sherry Apocelizer—1/5	43¢

## Fresh Fruits &amp; Vegetables

For extra color and appeal serve plenty of flavor-fresh produce with your holiday meals.

FANCY RED APPLES	Delicious, Winesap, and Rome. Northwest	2 Lbs. 19¢
NAVEL ORANGES	Fancy Large Size	5 Lbs. 30¢
FANCY CAULIFLOWER	A Variety of Sizes—Lb.	7¢
GOLDEN BANANAS	A Breakfast Treat	2 lb 25¢
SELECTED TEXAS YAMS	For Baking	1 lb. 11¢
CRISP CELERY HEARTS	12-oz. Cello Package—Each	15¢
FANCY CALIFORNIA DATES	Fancy Gift Pack 3-lb. Box	89¢

## Everyday Needs at Safeway

WESSON SALAD OIL	Quart Glass	53¢
PARKAY MARGARINE	Colored—1-lb. Carton	36¢
BUSY BAKER CRACKERS	Sodas 1-lb. Package	23¢ 2-lb. Package 45¢
N. B. C. SHREDDED WHEAT	12-oz. Package	16¢
EMPRESS PRESERVES	Apricot and Pineapple—No. 303 Glass	25¢
SHOW BOAT RICE	Long Grain, White—2-lb. Package	35¢
CARTON CIGARETTES	Popular Brands—Carton (Tax incl.)	1.49

## TOMATO JUICE

Sunny Dawn—No. 2 Can

3 for 25¢

## CHOCOLATE SQUARES

Suchard's—Milk, Almond or Crisp

Reg. Pkg. 25¢

## SUNSHINE HI HO CRACKERS

1-lb. Package

25¢

## CANDY COATED CHOCOLATES

M & M—7-oz. Cello

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**PRIZE WINNER . . .** Daniel L. Silva, Mission San Jose, right, accepts a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond from Joe Adams, Centerville Ford dealer, as his prize in the nation-wide Ford Safety Contest. Silva, who received his entry blank from the Adams Garage following a safety check of his car, was one of 700 winners throughout the nation. —Stinhliver Photo

### CHRISTMAS SEAL SALES LAGGING

Christmas Seal sale contributions are below last year's returns for a comparable period, however, it is too early to draw final conclusions, revealed Mrs. J. R. Whipple, Seal Sale chairman of Washington Township.

Emphasizing that the Association

depends entirely on Seal Sale funds to finance the program for the coming year, Mrs. Whipple said that the plans for the 1950 program would include an even bigger free chest x-ray program to discover unknown tuberculosis and heart conditions.

Apples are grown in 53 of California's 58 counties.

## SCENE IN CENTERVILLE

By IRENE MENDONCA



Irene Mendonca the afternoon Santa Claus visited the school at a party sponsored by the P.T.A.

**MEETING DATE SET**  
Council No. 4 of S.P.R.S.I. have set January 5 for their next regular meeting, which will be held in the Parish Hall.

Following the meeting there will be a social gathering, at which time current birthdays of the members will be celebrated and refreshments served.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER GUESTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Belshaw and family will be dinner guests of the Ben Murphys of Niles on Christmas day.

**MOTOR TO SONORA**  
Mr. and Mrs. Al Martin and children of Centerville motored to Sonora one day last week to visit with Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Houck.

**CHRISTMAS IN SACRAMENTO**  
Mr. and Mrs. Joaquin De Valle and family are planning to spend Christmas in Sacramento with their son, Dick, and family.

**CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST**  
Breakfast guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Voorhees of Mt. Vernon Avenue on Christmas day will be Mr. and Mrs. Matt Whitfield and Matt Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Voorhees Sr.

### CHRISTMAS AT HOME

Lorraine Brown of Joseph Street, who is attending St. Joseph's Nursing College in San Francisco, will be home to spend Christmas with her family, the John F. Browns.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown and family will attend midnight mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco on Christmas Eve.

On Christmas day, dinner guests at the Brown residence will be Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Sylvia and family, Mrs. Josie Bettencourt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown and Andrew Costa.

**Y.L.I. CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
The annual St. Jude Y.L.I. and Y.M.I. potluck Christmas party, which was held on December 18 at the I.D.E.S. Hall in Mission San Jose, was a huge success, it was reported by Antoinette Pimentel, publicity chairman.

The children received gifts from Santa Claus and the older people enjoyed dancing.

Adeline Fontes was in charge of arrangements. The St. Jude members received their first monthly bulletin. The committee should be congratulated on their splendid work.

**NATIVE DAUGHTER PARTY**  
Santa visited the Betsy Ross Parlor of Native Daughters through the medium of a novel exchange of gifts. Twenty-nine members enjoyed the festive and cheerful party. Madeline Caldiera and Ann Castro served the refreshments consisting of home made pumpkin and mince meat pies. Matilda Enos presented the Parlor with a box of chocolates.

An extremely handsome home-made Pierott was donated by Bernice Arbini of El Cereso Parlor, San Leandro, who is the parlor's deputy.

President Betty Andrade accepted this prized gift, which, by auction, netted the treasury a small sum. This toy was purchased by Eldina Garcia of Mission San Jose, who is the mother of a Native Daughter adopted baby.

Lovely Christmas decorations predominated throughout the meeting hall, climaxed by a brilliantly lighted tree.

Betsy Ross Parlor planned upon delivery of a basket filled with food and supplies to a deserving person on Christmas Day.

### REBEKAH NEWS

The members of Silver Star Rebekah Lodge No. 336 and their families gathered at Odd Fellows Hall, Irvington, last Sunday afternoon for the annual turkey dinner and Christmas party. Over one hundred enjoyed the dinner and program. Santa Claus made his appearance also with gifts for all.

Installation of recently elected officers of the lodge will be held January 6 at the Irvington Hall, under the direction of Inger Horning, district deputy president, and her staff.

The members of the Friendly Sewing Circle (Rebekahs) will hold their annual luncheon and installation of officers on Wednesday afternoon, January 11, at Odd Fellows Hall, Irvington.

The members of Necona Theta Rho Club No. 46 will meet at the Irvington Hall Monday evening, January 16.

### FIREMEN'S GROUP ELECTS OFFICERS

Dallas C. Paul, member of the Centerville volunteer fire department, was elected second vice-president of the Southern Alameda County Firemen's Association at a meeting of that group held last week at the Newark Pavilion.

Paul, who has been a member of the Centerville department for the past ten years and is a past secretary, was the only Washington Township man named in the slate of new officers for the Association.

An estimated 240 persons attended the annual ladies night dinner at the pavilion, enjoying a stage show and dancing to the music of Frank Gyax and his orchestra.

Cordials and liqueurs accounted for 2.5 per cent of all distilled liquor consumed in the United States in 1948.

Development of the Columbia sheep was begun in 1912 by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Merry Christmas



We hope we've told all our friends, but if we've missed you, then Merry Christmas.

**M. R. SILVA**  
General Contractor  
Niles



*The night before Christmas...*  
Few experiences surpass in beauty that hush of wonderful expectancy that falls over the home on Christmas eve. This season of 1949 holds that in store for you.

**BERGE MORTUARIES**  
Thomas J. Berge Ben Murphy  
Irvington Niles



We wish you this Season a table abundant with food, surrounded by happy smiling faces.

**E. C. PARKS**  
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May all the wonderful things that go with Christmas be yours in the fullest abundance this year.

From all of us here to all of you—a most happy holiday.

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—a night of prayer and re-affirmed faith. We wish you all the joy and contentment He may bestow upon you.

**POND PHARMACY**  
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The warmth of spirit that accompanies every Christmas season is with us again in 1949. Our wish is that you can participate to the fullest in a universal MERRY CHRISTMAS

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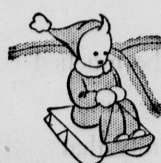
Merry Christmas

The divinity of the season is surpassed only in the joy it brings to the hearts of men.  
Merry Christmas.

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May you prosper in the wealth with which Christmas abounds...

Peace, love of life, kindness and the brotherhood of all people.

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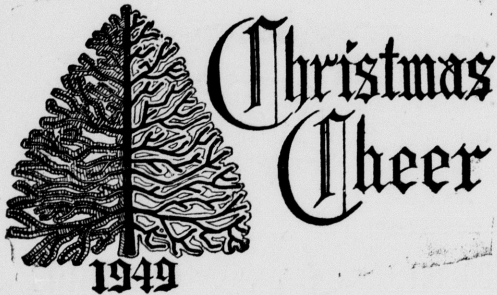


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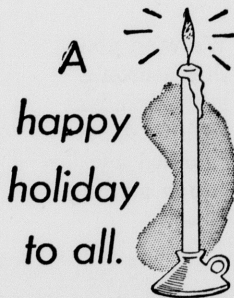


**JOE'S CORNER**  
Niles



In a sincere wish that you and your family may gather together this year for a merry, merry Christmas.

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A truly Merry Christmas to our good friends and neighbors.

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By LOIS BOTTENBERG



**ANNUAL PARTY**

The Youth Center of the Mission held their annual Christmas party at the I.D.E.S. Hall Thursday evening with a good attendance. The hall was decorated in festive holiday colors and being it was one of the member's birthday, they had a lovely birthday cake to cut, and serve with their soft drinks.

**RECOVERING**

Mrs. Florence Medeiros, who has been confined at home with a case of the shingles, is up and around now and may be able to enjoy a bit of Christmas with her family.

**TANGLE AND TWIST**

On December 13 the Junior Rifle team of the Tangle and Twist Club held their annual election of officers at the P. G. and E. clubhouse in Newark. Those to assume charge for the coming year are: President, Ralph Juhl; vice-president, Robert Brahmst; secretary-treasurer, LeRoy Brown; range officer, Jim Gould; sergeant-at-arms, LeRoy Brown. This club has been a junior part of the original Tangle and Twist Fishing Club of the Mission for a number of years. The senior team was organized about eighteen years ago and later became a rifle club as well as a fishing club. It originated in Mission but has members from all the township. Mr. Paul Hunt is the advisor and trainer of the junior boys. Thanks to him for this information. Your correspondent has always felt a keen interest in this club for it was at her home many years ago that their first annual dinner was held when Harley Justus, the late Fritz Hernandez, Frank Brackendorf and the late George Darrow, Joseph Perreira and others organized it.

**FIRST DINNER**

The home of the Bill Jibsons in Niles was a busy place last Sunday as they served a first Christmas dinner at their home for Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Justus, daughter Cynthia and son, Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Santos, and other members of their family. Next Sunday they will go to the Justus home in El Cerrito where they will meet Santa Claus.

**AT FIREMEN'S DOINGS**

Many folks from the Mission went to the Newark Pavilion last Thursday evening to attend the Christmas dinner and election of officers of the Alameda County Firemen's Association. They were Commissioner and Mrs. Cy Solon, George and Mary Rodrigues, Teenie and Frank Alberts, Irma and Frank Vargas (by the way, Frank had an accident, the table upset, putting all the olives, celery and hot peppers in his lap, but he was lucky for some of the other occupants got gooey cream spilled on them), Tom and Hortense Cunha, Chet and Maude Holtz, and Lois and Glenn Bottenberg. Food was good, entertainment fine and dancing was a lively ending to a swell evening.

The Mission San Jose Firemen held their annual Christmas dinner Tuesday evening at the I.D.E.S. Hall with the women of the department doing the honors of chafing. A good attendance was noted and each one gave a few short words of appreciation. Chief Perreira was master of ceremonies and since the mention of forming an auxiliary has been brought up many times, it was decided that it was a good time to begin, so an election (or should I say "a railroading") took place with Lois Bottenberg as president, Winifred Fernandez, vice-president; Kathleen Amaral, secretary; Mary Rodrigues, treasurer, and Betty Andrade, sergeant-at-arms. A sale of excess foods and a set of fines imposed upon those who attended without firemen's hats netted the women a beginning treasury. They will have their first meeting on Tuesday, January 3, with the men at the school to find out what their duties will be (and secretly, to keep an eye on their men).

The post office at Mission has really gotten a holiday look about it now for last evening one of the admirers of the post office (and its staff) brought in three lovely holly wreaths and added them to the other decorations, so even in the winter when flowers are scarce, someone is kind enough to supply us with in-season decorations.



**THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT**

Here are little pieces of conversation I heard this week. They all revolve around the subject that is uppermost in our minds now—Christmas.

Boy, tearfully to his mother: "Okay, then, Mom, if you won't let me go to the movies I just won't give you that Christmas present I got for you... (sob, sob)... You'll be sorry."

Woman to another woman: "I always wait until people send me Christmas cards, then I send one to them. You don't waste any that way." (The Christmas spirit!)

Woman: "I don't know whether to get a big turkey and invite people in the next day for cold turkey, or get a small one and have it just for ourselves."

A husband, to a salesgirl: "I want something for my wife that looks kind of expensive—but doesn't cost very much."

A wife: "Well, my husband and I have decided not to exchange gifts this year. You know, we've had so many expenses. But (giggle) I really think he's already got me something... I wonder what it is."

A husband—in a weary voice: "Well, all I want for Christmas is a nice quiet day at home, but with a couple of teen-age kids... oh, well, they're nice kids even if they ARE noisy."

Woman to another woman: "Well, my husband is going to get me a fur coat, but I said 'Honey, I really don't need a fur coat. Let's get something for the house instead.'"

The other woman to first woman: "I know what you mean. My husband was going to get me a diamond watch, but I said the same thing to him." (Well, anyway, they can dream, can't they?)

**YOU TOO?**

Are we an average family? I mean, is this the sort of dialogue that might be going on in YOUR house these days before Christmas? This is a fair sample:

No, you positively can't have a piece of this nut bread now. It's for over the Christmas holiday. ... No, it WON'T get stale by then. ... Yes, you may have a piece then if you leave me alone now. ... Of course the dog can't have a piece then! Should I be slaving away on nut bread for a DOG? ... OF COURSE I like him, but I don't want him around under my feet all the time. And I DON'T want him eating any of this bread. ... Why don't you go out and play? ... Yes, I know your poison-oak itches. Why, in the name of heaven, did you have to go out in the poison-oak right before Christmas? ... Will you please turn off the Christmas tree lights? ... But that's silly! There's no sense in having them on in the daytime. ... Now where is all that Christmas ribbon I bought to wrap my packages with? ... You used it ALL? And my paper too? ... I DIDN'T say your packages aren't pretty! I merely said you've used enough paper and ribbon to wrap packages for FIVE families. ... Now, why don't you go out and play? ... Oh yes, I forgot about your poison-oak. Maybe you'd better stay in, and—and—why don't you listen to the radio? ... Well, what's the matter with Christmas carols? They're very beautiful. You're old enough now to appreciate good music. ... Yes, of COURSE, the music you play on your trumpet is good music. ... Now? Oh, do you HAVE to play it right NOW, just when I'm reading this recipe for Tom and Jerry batter? ... No, I'm sorry, but you can't have any. ... Well, it may LOOK like pudding, but it isn't. ... OF COURSE I do too like you! I love you, but you still can't have any of this Tom and Jerry. ... Why? Because you're not big enough, that's why. ... Yes, I know you're almost as tall as I am. What I really meant was, you're not OLD enough. ... It doesn't make any difference how old I am! ... I don't CARE if other kids know how old their mothers are. What difference does it make? ... Why I am NOT older than your father! What makes you say that?

Why don't you go out and PLAY. ... And stop eating all those nuts I'm cracking! ...

Yes, I'm cracking.

Our good friend, George Barker (surely by now you know he is in his eighties, as I have told about him before) came in to the office about three months ago with a little article he had written about "love."

Every week since, he has been in to see me, asking "When will you print my piece about love?" "But we have so little space," I would always say. "Maybe next week."

I always felt mean about it, although it is true—we do have so little space.

But last week when he was in, I made his old eyes brighten when I said, "We'll use it in our Christmas issue. Christmas is a good time to talk about love."

So here it is. It has been cut down some, but I think you'll get the gist of it. I like especially the part about the dog being such a devoted friend. (But I'd better not get into a discussion about dogs again. It leads to bloodshed!)

"Love," says Webster, "is a strong feeling of affection, fondness, tender affection for one of the opposite sex. A person loved."

"There is the love of a parent for his child, the mainstay of a healthy, happy childhood. From this background of love bestowed on him by fond parents who make sacrifices if necessary for his well-being. He matures into courteous, thoughtful, considerate manhood

and holds strong to high ideals manifested by his very manner in dealing with all persons with whom he comes in contact. He is not an uncouth individual who shoves the other fellow around. He is surely worthy of all commendation and praise for his spirit of fair play.

"The dog is man's best friend" is an old axiom, born out by the blind devotion of a dog for his master. He will welcome his master home with moist affection, his body keyed up in anticipation of the pat he knows he will get. He shows his affection wholeheartedly. A dog will lay down his life, if necessary, to save his master.

"Then there is the love of God for His children. Who is the person who has been ill of mind and body who has not felt the comforting strength of a God in whom he can pour out his troubles?"

"He truly loves His children, one and all, white, black, yellow—they are all alike to him. The plant that comes into bloom, the rippling stream, the song of birds, the beauties of nature—all of these are evidences of God's love for His children.

"Love embraces all in some manner or fashion, and life is better because of it."

—By George Barker

**STUDY CLUB TO MEET**

The Study Club of St. Jude's Institute, Y.L.I., of Irvington, will meet Tuesday, December 27, at 7 p.m., in the I.O.O.F. Hall in Irvington.

Sell it with a Register Want Ad

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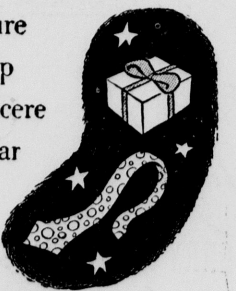
**"NO VACANCY"**

Sermon by the Pastor

Good Singing - Fervent preaching - Warm Welcome



As a partial measure of our friendship we express the sincere hope that this year holds for you a perfect Christmas.



May it be touched with the same kind of serenity that accompanies a Christmas Eve snowfall.



Santa Claus will be at the Peerless Stage Depot Saturday afternoon from 3:30 to 5 with presents for all the kiddies


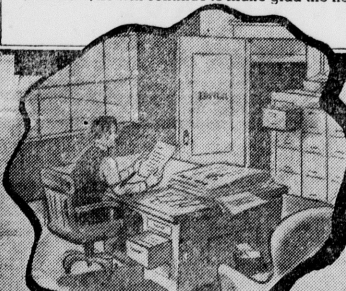
**PEERLESS STAGE DEPOT**  
Niles



# YES, VIRGINIA

"Yes, indeed!  
"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age — they do not believe except what they see — they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.  
"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.  
"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.  
"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.  
"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.  
"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!  
"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus — the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.  
"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there — nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.  
"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men, that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.  
"Is it all real? — ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.  
"No Santa Claus! Thank God! — he lives, and he lives forever — a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

One December day in 1897, Virginia O'Hanlon wrote to the New York Sun.  
"I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun, it's so.' Please tell me the truth—is there a Santa Claus?  
The answer to Virginia O'Hanlon's question, written in a moment of deep spiritual insight by Francis B. Church, stands even today as a testament reflecting two thousand years of faith. It has been reprinted here because it always will deserve to be read again.

## Tell the truth about Santa

Among the myriad problems which beset parents at Christmas time are the many questions from the small fry about Santa Claus. And the business of telling Junior or his little sister the truth about the jolly old gentleman in the red suit is really a major task. However, the situation is bound to arise, and when it does, it does something to your heart strings—

so you draw the little ones close and cast about for the best explanation.

Oddly enough, the true story is best—and the easiest to tell. So why not just tell the little ones this?:

St. Nicholas (or Nicolas) is Santa Claus' real name. He lived in Asia Minor and was the beloved bishop of the Greek church of Myra in Lycia. He is the patron saint of the young, and in some European countries a person dressed as a bishop still assembles the children and distributes gifts of nuts, sweetmeats and other nice things to the good boys and girls.

Children loved St. Nicholas and trudged along beside him as he

trudged the dusty roads of the Lycia countryside, bringing fruit and candy to the sick and needy.

One of many stories told of his goodness concerns a poor and honest man and his three good and beautiful daughters. The father was unhappy for poverty prevented his giving the customary dowries to his daughters, and for this reason they could never have suitable husbands.

One night a bag of coins was tossed in at the man's window. The next night the act was repeated. But on the third night the father watched, and the anonymous giver was detected. The jolly bishop stood with the third bag of coins in his

## Poinsettias

The poinsettia has no Christmas legend and its adoption as a symbol or decoration for Christmas is of recent origin. In Spain it is known as the flor de noche-buena, and is connected with the sentiment of Christmas.

Its beautiful flaming star is one of the favorite flowers of the Christmas season, and its use as an indoor decoration is universal.

hands. The father was very proud and would not accept the money. The good bishop begged the poor man to accept the gifts and use them for his daughters' dowries, requesting that his name never be revealed.

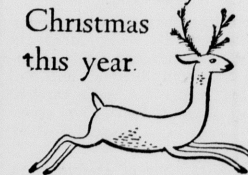
At last, the father accepted the money for his daughters, but he could not keep the name of the generous bishop secret — so the legend of the goodness of St. Nicholas was further spread and strengthened.

## FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST—NILES

A branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts. Regular services are held as follows:  
SUNDAY SCHOOL.....11 A.M.  
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## Yuletide Joy 1949

Youth and old age will be served with a Merry Christmas this year.



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Sincerest greetings of the Season to our many friends and their families.

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# Christmas BEST WISHES

THE HAPPY SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS IS DEEP IN OUR HEARTS.  
LET IT ECHO IN THE STRENGTH OF OUR VOICES AS WE GREET OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.  
1949



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# MERRY CHRISTMAS



From us to you, sincere good wishes for a Happy Yuletide!

## NILES ELECTRIC COMPANY Niles



The Yule is a season for songs and rejoicing. Our earnest hope is that all you friendly people may share in this spirit to the utmost.

And for what it's worth, we offer our heartiest wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

## CENTRAL CHEVROLET Centerville



For a smile on every face and a carol in every heart we commend you to the spirit of Christmas. Happy holiday.

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# REMEMBER LAST CHRISTMAS?

Remember Last Christmas?  
These were the major goings-on  
in the world during Christmas  
week in 1948:

December 27—Joseph Cardinal  
Mindzenty, outspoken foe of Hung-  
ary's Communist regime, was ar-  
rested on charges of plotting  
against the government, spying,  
treason and blackmarket dealings  
in currency.

In an extemporaneous speech at  
Kansas City, President Truman  
made this remark that caught the  
interest of the world: "There are  
certain leaders in the government  
of that country (Russia) who are  
exceedingly anxious to have an un-  
derstanding with —"

December 29—President Tru-  
man returned to Washington after  
a Christmas vacation in Independ-  
ence, Mo.

December 28—Twelve stranded  
air force men were rescued by  
plane from an icecap in southern  
Greenland by Lt. Col. Emil Beaud-  
ry.

December 31—The 80th con-  
gress, denounced by President Tru-  
man as the second worst on record,  
passed into history with the ad-  
journment of both houses.

\*December 31—At year's end,  
America's favorite popular song for  
the moment was "On a Slow Boat  
to China."

The practice of placing burning  
candles in the windows on Christ-  
mas eve is tied up with an Irish  
custom which holds the thought of  
the Christ child alone in the dark,  
needing light for his way.

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AMERICAN CHRISTMAS SCENE . . . Symbolic of our nation at this  
festive season of the year is this picture of Little Ethel Gorman, 4,  
daughter of a guide at the Statue of Liberty, as she admires a Christ-  
mas tree on the porch of Newell M. Foster, superintendent of the  
statue staff on Bedloe's Island. Over her shoulder, Miss Liberty her-  
self stays right on the job, blazing her message of peace and good will.

## 98 Years Ago a Lutheran Pastor Set Up the First Tree in Church

December 24 this year, the tradi-  
tion of the Christmas tree in Amer-  
ican church services will be 98  
years old—for it was back in 1851  
that a Lutheran minister in Clevel-  
and, Ohio, lighted the first tree at  
such services.

The minister was the Rev. Henry  
Schwan, pastor of the Zion Lutheran  
Church on Cleveland's York street  
and his action brought on a storm  
of controversy which lasted sev-  
eral years. This was caused by the  
fact that the Christmas tree had so  
long been associated with pagan  
observance of the season that  
many conservatives believed it had  
no place in Christian ceremonies.

However, some of Rev.  
Schwan's congregation, espe-  
cially the children, thought the  
beautifully-decorated tree,  
glowing with candles, was just  
the spirit of the Christmas sea-  
son.

But the objectors had their way  
and they were determined that Rev.  
Schwan's tree was to be the last  
of the Christmas trees erected in  
America.

Through the years that followed,  
the minister did all in his power to  
learn of the origins of the Christmas  
tree tradition in order that he might  
show that the tradition was far  
from the "heathen" ceremony it  
had been called.

He wrote countless letters to  
friends and acquaintances all over  
the world; he questioned strangers  
and made long notes of their con-  
versations. And, when he learned  
that a particular part of the world  
already had Christmas trees, he  
would mark that place on a large  
map which hung in his study—a

dark green tree where the tradition  
was established, a light green one  
where Christmas trees, at least,  
were known.

Pastor Schwan made his  
search for knowledge of the  
Christmas tree almost a cru-  
sade.

But as Christmas time ap-  
proached in 1852, Rev. Schwan had  
not found enough church support  
for the tradition to light another  
tree at his Christmas service that  
year. So, with great regret, he re-  
signed himself to the end of his  
hope of establishing the custom.

But on December 24, he received  
from the pastor of one of Clevel-  
and's older churches the present  
of a new tree. Rev. Schwan realized  
immediately that the present meant  
the acceptance of the custom by a  
churchman far more influential  
than himself, and his sadness van-  
ished.

There was a Christmas tree  
in the York street Zion Luth-  
eran church that year—and once  
accepted in Cleveland, the cus-  
tom spread all over the United  
States.

York street where Pastor  
Schwan's church once stood is  
changed now and long ago was re-  
named Hamilton avenue; and the  
first tree, decorated with candles  
and a gold star at its top, has given  
way to trees with brighter, more  
colorful decorations.

But the tradition of erecting and  
lighting Christmas trees, which is  
observed throughout the nation, is  
the same tradition which Pastor  
Schwan introduced to this country  
in the town of Cleveland nearly  
100 years ago.



Let's do it up  
right this year  
and join our  
efforts to give  
each other the  
finest holiday  
season ever.

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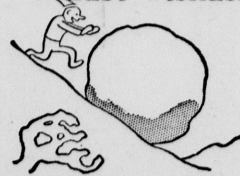


We  
wish you well  
this  
season.

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TO YOU  
AND YOUR WHOLE  
FAMILY OUR  
BEST WISHES.



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# Merry Christmas

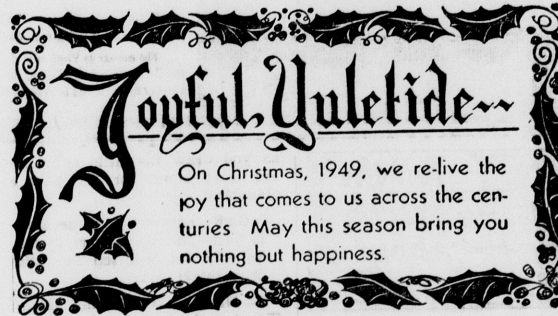
May  
the blessings of  
Christmas  
descend  
upon your homes  
in  
abundance.



## CRANE GARAGE

DeSoto-Plymouth Dealer

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CLOVERDALE CREAMERY  
Centerville

# Greetings 1949



OUR SINCEREST WISHES  
FOR A BRIGHT AND MERRY  
CHRISTMAS GO OUT TO  
ALL OF YOU.

OLON'S  
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The tide of good will again is full across the  
earth. Our wish is that it flood your heart with  
happiness and make this your Merriest Christmas.

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## Speaking of Christmas

SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS . . . Throughout the world wherever  
Christmas is celebrated it is customary to place a lighted candle in the  
window . . . The legend is that candles originally were set out to light  
the Christ child's way as he made his visits through the children . . . One



explanation of the custom of hang-  
ing stockings on Christmas Eve  
recalls the baronial halls of England  
where huge fireplaces were con-  
stantly in use . . . Each Christmas  
a special log, the Yule log, was  
thrown on the fire . . . This log  
burned steadily as long as the feast-  
ing and celebrating continued. Nat-  
urally, it burned with a pungent  
odor and stockings were hung over  
the fireplace to absorb some of this  
odor and to protect the owners from  
evil spirits . . . Christmas Eve, 1863,

saw a near tragedy in Virginia City, Nevada . . . Two friends celebrated  
with a terrific round of festivity . . . Just as dawn was breaking, they  
embarked on a perilous promenade over the town's rooftops . . . A  
policeman, mistaking them for burglars, drew his revolver and prepared  
to shoot—but a passerby stopped him . . . Had he fired and the bullets  
found the mark, the world would have been deprived of two great  
humorists—Artemus Ward (Charles Farrar Browne) and Mark Twain  
(Samuel Clemens) . . . Mince pies,  
so long a part of our Christmas  
tradition, originally had a deeply  
symbolic significance . . . The first  
mince pies were patterned in oblong  
shape, after the manger in which  
Christ was born . . . The crust rep-  
resented the gold brought by the  
Three Wise Men; the many spices,  
the frankincense and myrrh . . . On  
May 11, 1659, the general court of  
Massachusetts Bay outlawed Christ-  
mas . . . Anyone celebrating, stop-  
ping work, serving holiday fare or  
deviating from normal daily life would be fined five shillings . . . The  
deviating from normal daily life would be acting wisely—for how could  
righteous Puritans were sure they were acting wisely? Did not such  
good Christians condone the pagan origin of Christmas? Did not such  
a holiday encourage excess in eating and drinking? . . . It was 22 years  
before that law was repealed.







In the same cheery manner the words "Merry Christmas" come to you with our hope that all the season's happiness and joy be yours.

### NILES FURNITURE CO.

Walter Chryslers

Niles

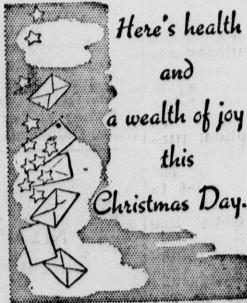


May the stars in the heavens shine as never before on your Christmas happiness this year.

### MILDRED'S APPAREL

175 South Main St.

Centerville



### VEE BEE APPAREL

Centerville



ROVER WAITS FOR CHRISTMAS . . . He knows that Santa is not going to fall him, and that before long the genial saint will drop down the chimney and leave presents for all good boys, girls and dogs.

### Christmas With the Pioneers Held Deep Religious Meaning

CHRISTMAS on the frontier, as new bands of pioneers pushed ever westward to carve an empire out of virgin plains and wildernesses, was in marked contrast to the present holiday.

There was more meaning then in the words of The Book concerning shepherds in a certain country watching their flocks by night. The solitudes, the closeness of the stars, the virginity of the new world and its humble people made one feel that time had stood still. Christmas in those days somehow seemed much closer to that first Christmas.

Those bleak plains could be the ones the Wise Men crossed, this the Night and yon sleeping village, Bethlehem. The faith of the trail breakers was that of the Wise Men.

On Christmas Eve the pioneer folks would gather in a crude little church or schoolhouse where children recited their pieces and sang

or a calico doll from Santa Claus. But that doll, made from spare strips of bright cloth, probably was more treasured than any modern doll that can say "Mama," go to sleep and perhaps require a diaper.

Children who received a slate pencil or a shell-box, a little affair covered with tin and containing a small mirror, were the special favorites of Santa.

For goodies, no Christmas was complete without its pans of popcorn and ropes of molasses taffy. In rare cases there might be a bag of candy.

IN THE isolated cabins it wasn't so easy to gather with one's neighbors to celebrate. There were wolves in the timber and being caught in a sudden storm on the pioneer trails spelled death.

Christmas in some places meant a bobsled ride or perhaps a square



songs about the birth of the Christ Child. Santa would hand out mosquito-bar sacks of candy, a golden orange or an apple to each one, and childhood rapture would make that meager offering truly a gift of gold and frankincense.

HOME-MADE sleds and sleighs skimmed over the snowy countryside with sleigh bells jingling accompaniment to the caroling of "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells."

Except in the forest regions, few children enjoyed the sight of a Christmas tree. But always they hung up their stockings, an old custom of their forefathers.

It was a lucky boy who awoke Christmas morning to find a new jack-knife in his stocking; a lucky girl who received a string of beads

dance, often followed by a turkey dinner costing 25 cents.

Gifts, if any, generally were in the form of utilitarian mittens, mufflers or home-made boots. For the women there might be a piece of intricate handiwork to which some enterprising friend had devoted her spare time for months.

Throughout the holiday season a candle burned in the attic window, guiding late-faring travelers to shelter—the Star of Bethlehem on the frontier.

But withal these hardy folks had as much fun as their great-grandsons and daughters who again this year will celebrate by exchanging elaborate gifts, dancing to name bands, feasting with no worries that tomorrow there may be nothing in the electric refrigerator.



JUST IN TIME . . . Youngsters all over America will sleep with one eye open on Christmas Eve—if they are lucky they might see Santa's feet as he hurries on his way. These youngsters arrived in time to hear, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight."

### Mistletoe Distinct As Yule Decoration

Mistletoe, that distinctive Christmas green so common in many parts of America, is usually thought of as merely good holiday decoration or as a creator of open season on ladies fair for otherwise bashful swains.

Mistletoe did not always hold this position in our lives. The Druids called it "all-heal," and thought it held many miraculous virtues. The Scandinavians dedicated it to their goddess of love, Friga. Probably this goddess of love is responsible for the custom of kissing under the mistletoe.



The power to heal, to protect against sickness, to perform magic deeds—all these and more are the qualities ascribed to this plant in legends, traditions and even in ancient histories and literature.

Mistletoe is a parasite, which infests branches of various trees of both hardwood and conifers, but mainly on hardwoods. One species is found exclusively, however, on conifers.

Among the Celts and others mistletoe which grew from the oak was considered to have peculiar magical virtues not possessed by that from any other trees. Some even considered it so rare as to be only cut with a gold knife.

Another old tradition is that the mistletoe supplied the wood for the holy cross, as previous to that time it was a forest tree but after the crucifixion was condemned to exist only as a dwarf parasite.

Mistletoe was taken over into the Christian tradition in due course and dedicated to the Christ Child. An old rhyme reads:

The mistletoe bough  
At our Christmas board  
Shall hang to the honor  
Of Christ our Lord.



CHRISTMAS FIRE—Before the war spoiled a lot of beauty in the world, it was customary in most European countries for a family to go into the forest each Christmas season, cut a huge Yule log and drag it from the woods to their home.

### INSTALL NEW MACHINERY

Joseph Bauhofer and sons, William and Joseph Jr., owners and operators of Cloverdale Creamery in Centerville, have just installed a new \$2,500 milk bottle washer

of the latest design.

The new massive machine, manufactured by the Cherry-Burrell Company, thoroughly washes and sterilizes each bottle, leaving them crystal clear.



RETAIL STORE AT THE CELLAR

### LOS AMIGOS VINEYARDS

Mission Road, between Irvington and Mission San Jose



### NEWARK PHARMACY

J. P. and L. C. O'Connor

Newark

### ENJOY CHRISTMAS DINNER HERE!



Bring in the family for the greatest Christmas feast ever. Every one of the traditional goodies of this wonderful holiday is included on our menu.

You'll enjoy the home cooking . . . our most efficient service . . . and, our reasonable prices.

Plan Now to Have Your Christmas Dinner at the Beautiful, Newly Decorated

### PEERLESS GRILL

NILES

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The near-sacred hush of late Christmas Eve is a precious thing brimming with the promise of a glorious day to follow.

### KATHERINE'S BAKERY

Newark



### Irvington Couple Married 50 Years

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nickel of Irvington were the surprised honorees at a fiftieth wedding anniversary party, given for them last Wednesday evening by their seven children and their families. Married in Missouri, the couple has lived here for about seven years. All of their children live in the bay

area, and all were present for the unusual occasion. They were: Mr. Thomas B. Nickel of Irvington, Mrs. Gordon Bezley of Sunnyvale, Mrs. Amy Halliwell of Decoto, Mrs. Carl Crosswhite of Niles, Mrs. Louella Frick of Niles, Mrs. Barney Langner of Niles, and Mr. Woody Nickels of Niles. The happy pair received a host of beautiful gifts as a memento of the occasion.



**SHIRT-SLEEVED SANTA** . . . It's not a common subject for discussion, but Santa Claus sometimes does take off his coat and just lounge around in his beard and shirtsleeves. However, this is not standard procedure, and it's mighty few Santas you see sitting on a park bench in New York.

### Swiss Brotherhood Sang at Christmas To Banish Plague

One of the most impressive customs in the world is observed in Switzerland where the "singing at the fountains" is done by the Sebastiani brotherhood in the picturesque spa town of Rheinfelden. According to the Swiss writer Gottlieb Wyss, the custom is more than 400 years old, dating from 1540 when a plague, sweeping through many lands, visited Rheinfelden. Twelve men formed a brotherhood in honor of St. Sebastian, promising to pray to him to safeguard their town from further distress. They also undertook to nurse those afflicted by the plague and to bury its victims. If one of their own members died, the brethren acted as pallbearers, and up to the present day, by their own selection, the membership of the brotherhood has remained at 12. Pestilence in the medieval period was ascribed to the evil spirits in the water, and when the Sebastiani brethren make their rounds of seven fountains on Christmas eve, they start at the fountain in the "Froschweide" where the plague started in the 16th century. After singing for the seventh time near the town church, they join its congregation for midnight mass, first placing their quaint mounted lan-

### Now a WAC

Mrs. Leontine Rose of Niles motored to Camp Stoneman last Sunday to visit her daughter, Leontine, who is now a WAC and stationed there.

tern, with its lighted candle, before the altar of St. Sebastian. For their Christmas eve singing at twelve, brethren are dressed in dark clothes and black silk top-hats. Around their lantern-bearer they stand in a circle and three times, as the name of Christ is mentioned in their song, they uncover their heads. On New Year's eve, between 9 and 10 o'clock, the brethren make another round of the fountains, this time singing an old song which concludes with the wish that St. Sebastian may intercede for all in the New Year so that they may be safeguarded from war, pestilence and other perils.

Have you read the Want Ads?

### Abbreviation, Xmas Of Greek Origin

There has been much unfavorable comment on the abbreviated form for Christmas that is commonly used. Many think it inappropriate and undignified to use the shortened form, Xmas.

The explanation of its origin is that the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ is X and the coincidence of its cruciform shape led to an early adoption of this letter as the figure and symbol of Christ. X is frequently found on walls of the catacombs. When the early Christians wished to make a representation of the Trinity, they would place either a cross or an X beside the names of the Father and the Holy Ghost. From this came the shortened form Xmas, instead of Christmas.

Orange County was organized in 1889.

### LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

No. 223570 Dept. 1  
SUMMONS  
JOSEPH F. VARGAS, JR., Plaintiff,

vs.  
SALBIO HIGUERA, MARIA HIGUERA, FRANCISCA HIGUERA, THOMAS HIGUERA, FERNANDO HIGUERA, JABIEL HIGUERA, LEANDRO HIGUERA, NARCISCO HIGUERA, ALBINO HIGUERA, JESUS HIGUERA, SOLEDAD HIGUERA de AMADOR, EDWARD F. PALMER, EDWARD SALZ, and also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the Complaint adverse to Plaintiff's ownership, or any cloud upon Plaintiff's title thereto, Defendants.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SEND GREETINGS TO:

SALBIO HIGUERA, MARIA HIGUERA, FRANCISCA HIGUERA, THOMAS HIGUERA, FERNANDO HIGUERA, JABIEL HIGUERA, LEANDRO HIGUERA, NARCISCO HIGUERA, ALBINO HIGUERA, JESUS HIGUERA, SOLEDAD HIGUERA de AMADOR, EDWARD F. PALMER, EDWARD SALZ, and also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the Complaint adverse to Plaintiff's ownership, or any cloud upon Plaintiff's title thereto, Defendants.

You are hereby directed to appear and answer the Complaint filed in the County of Alameda, in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda, within ten days after the service on you of this summons—if served within said County, or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

The object of said action is to obtain a judgment and decree of said Court adjudging and declaring that neither of said Defendants, nor any of them, have any right, title, estate, lien or interest in, to or upon the real property in said Complaint and hereinafter described, or any part or portion thereof, adverse to Plaintiff's ownership, or any cloud upon Plaintiff's title thereto, and that the title of said Plaintiff in and to said real property is good and valid and that said Plaintiff is entitled to have said title quieted against said Defendants, and each of them, and that said Defendants, and each of them, be forever enjoined and debarred from asserting any claim whatever in, to or upon said property, or any part or portion thereof, adverse to said Plaintiff.

That said real property consists of all that certain real property in the Township of Washington, County of Alameda, State of California, described as follows:

**PARCEL I:** BEGINNING at the northeast corner of that certain 5.48 acre tract conveyed by Narciso Higuera to A. W. Anderson, by deed dated August 2, 1876 and recorded in book 129 of Deeds at page 459, Records of Alameda County; and running thence along the southerly line of a private road as fenced, the following distances and courses: North 73° 06' east 330 feet; north 87° 49' 30" east 97.02 feet; and south 71° 10' 30" east 60.06 feet to a corner in the fence; thence leaving the southerly line of said private road south 6° 55' 30" east 71.28 feet to a point in Arroyo Agua Frio; thence following the meander of the Arroyo Agua Frio downstream the following courses and distances: south 72° 11' west 105.52 feet; north 42° 17' 30" west 51.57 feet; south 64° 45' west 54.71 feet; south 0° 45' 30" east 55.29 feet; north 63° 50' 30" west 46.95 feet; north 37° 21' 30" west 55.30 feet; south 68° 46' west 62.74 feet; south 42° 35' 30" west 67.35 feet; north 58° 22' west 38.20 feet; south 49° 21' west 27.72 feet to a point on the most easterly boundary line of that certain 5.48 acre piece hereinbefore mentioned; thence along the aforesaid easterly boundary north 41° 39' west 91.74 feet to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 0.932 acres; and BEING that same tract of land conveyed by A. W. Anderson to C. N. Felton, by deed dated October 15, 1888 and recorded in book 357 of Deeds at page 143, Alameda County Records.

**PARCEL II:** BEGINNING at a point on the easterly boundary line of that certain 531.52 acre tract described in that certain deed from Chas. W. Hathaway to Edmund V. Hathaway, dated November 17, 1856 and recorded in book "F" of deeds at page 496, Alameda County Records, said point being distant along said easterly boundary, north 22° 49' 30" west 894.65 feet from the most southeasterly corner of the above mentioned 531.52 acre tract, the bearing of said easterly boundary being taken as north 22° 49' 30" west, for the purpose of this description; running thence along said easterly boundary line north 22° 49' 30" west 1137.05 feet to a point in the Arroyo Agua Frio; thence leaving said easterly boundary line of said 531.52 acre tract and following the meander of the southerly bank of the said Arroyo Agua Frio downstream, south 22° 05' 00" west 293 feet; south 53° 40' 30" west 222.42 feet; and south 69° 40' 30" west 160.57 feet; thence leaving the southerly bank of the aforesaid Arroyo Agua Frio, south 23° 39' east 892.96 feet to a point on the line distant northwesterly 694.58 feet, measured at a right angle from the southerly boundary line of the above mentioned 531.52 acre piece, and parallel thereto, said point being distant along said

When buying toys for children remember that those of the constructive types are best—they develop the youngsters' ingenuity.

The wild boar has been revered from ancient times, and was especially honored at Christmastime, for having taught mankind the art of plowing by rooting into the ground with his tusks.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF INTENDED SALE AND TRANSFER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MANUEL E. DUARTE, Intended Seller, residing at Niles, California, intends to sell to ALFRED ANDREW KING, Intended Buyer, residing at Niles, California, an undivided one-half interest in and to that certain grocery store business operated under the name of "NEW CITY MARKET," located at 617 First Street, Niles, Alameda County, California, together with all business furniture, furnishings, equipment, stock on hand and the good will of said business.

A general statement of the character of the property intended to be sold is as follows: an undivided one-half interest in and to the equipment, fixtures and other things incidental to the grocery business carried on at said "New City Market" located at 617 First Street, Niles, Alameda County, California.

That the purchase price and consideration is to be paid on January 3, 1950, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day at the law office of E. A. QUARESMA, Ellsworth Building, Niles, California.

Dated: December 17, 1949.  
ALFRED ANDREW KING  
Intended Buyer

E. A. Quaresma  
Attorney at Law  
Ellsworth Building  
Niles, California. D23,30,J6,13

parallel line south 66° 21' west 570.76 feet from the easterly boundary line of the aforesaid 531.52 acre tract; and running thence north 66° 21' east 570.76 feet to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 12.563 acres; and BEING a portion of the aforesaid 531.52 acre tract.

You are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said Plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint as arising upon contract or will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda, this 5th day of December, 1949.

(SEAL) G. E. WADE, Clerk  
By W. W. LINDGREN Deputy

E. A. Quaresma  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Niles, California. D9,16,23,30J6

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

No. 109431 Dept. 4  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned executrix of the will of JOHN G. LOGAN, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to, within six months after the first publication of this notice, either file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda, or present them, with the necessary vouchers, to me at the office of NORRIS AND BROWN, 114 North Main Street, Centerville, California, which place the undersigned selects as the place of business in all matters connected with said estate.

ANNIE J. LOGAN  
Executrix of the will of the above named decedent.  
Dated: November 16, 1949.  
NORRIS AND BROWN,  
Attorneys for Executrix,  
Centerville, California. D9,16,23,30

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

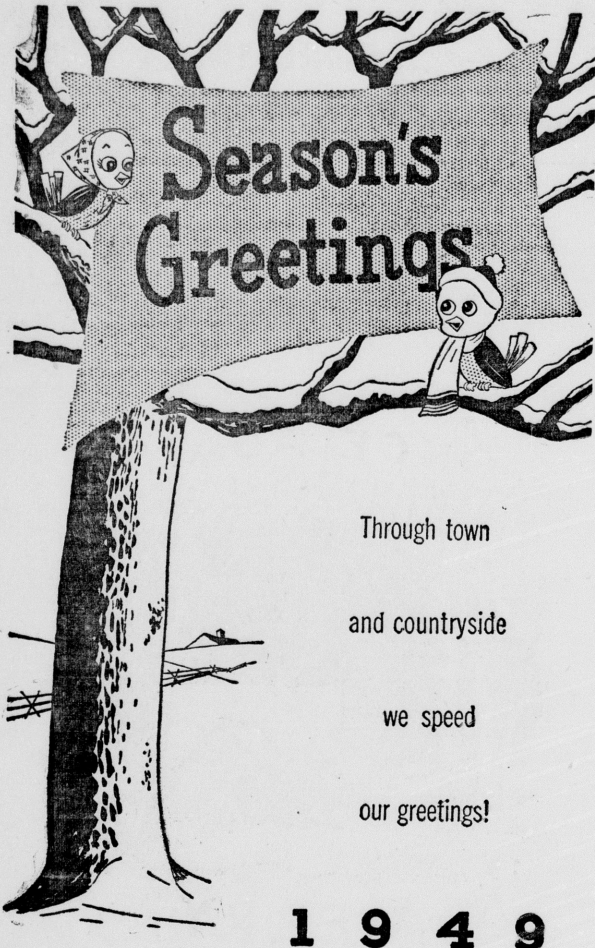
No. 109604 Dept. 4  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of MARIA ALAMEDA, also known as MARY ALAMEDA and MRS. MARY ALAMEDA, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to, within SIX MONTHS after the first publication of this notice, either file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda, or present them, with the necessary vouchers to me, at the law office of E. A. QUARESMA, Ellsworth Building, Niles, California, which place the undersigned selects as the place of business in all matters connected with said estate.

Dated: December 15, 1949.  
PAULINE SILVA  
Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of the above named decedent.  
E. A. QUARESMA  
Attorney at Law  
Niles, California. D16,23,30,J6

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and countryside  
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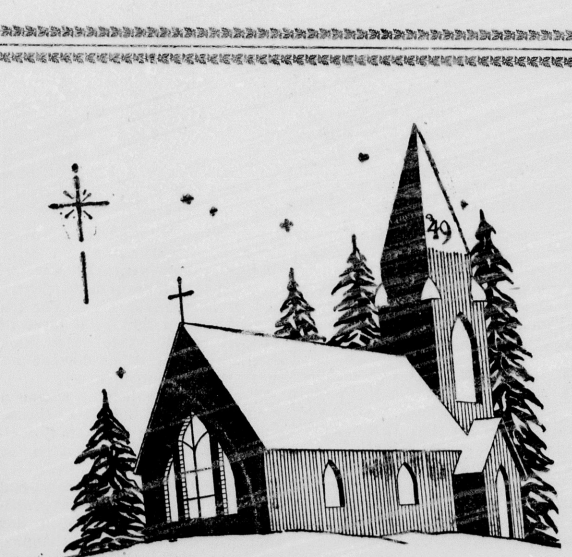
**The Year's Biggest Day**  
is just around the corner, and we are all as happy as children. For this is really going to be a merry Christmas.

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Niles



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Niles



Christmas  
Greetings

We join with all your other friends of this community to extend to you a very sincere wish that this Yuletide season may enrich your life with its spirit of friendliness and beauty.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

CASTRO DAIRY

Niles





The very fact that Christmas is with us again ought to bring joy enough, but we want to gild the lily by wishing everyone a wonderful holiday.

**SLETTEN'S DEPARTMENT STORE**  
Niles



OUR WARM AND SINCEREST GREETINGS GO OUT TO YOU AT THIS HAPPIEST SEASON OF THE YEAR.

**JERRY'S GIFT SHOP**  
Mrs. Geraldine Rogers Centerville



In the Christmas mood, we wish you all happiness.  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**COZZI'S VARIETY STORE**  
Niles

## Township To Observe Yule Season at Family Gatherings

The spirit of Christmas has descended on the Township as in many other parts of the world, and "Silent Night" is the theme song of homes all over the land.

In the township, as elsewhere, family parties on Christmas day are the rule. At no other time during the year do families feel drawn together as they do at the Yule season. It is especially true in the township where families have lived here for several generations and relatives abound.

Let us see how some of our friends and neighbors will be spending the Christmas holiday:

The A. W. COTTON family of Newark won't have one of their daughters—Marjorie—home for Christmas, but they'll have their two other daughters, Bobbie and Ruthie, with them for the holiday. Also present will be Ruthie's husband, John Lambert, who will be spending his first Christmas with his bride's family. Marjorie is teaching in Tacoma, Washington, and living with an aunt there. A little bit of the state of Washington came down to the Cotton family this week, in the form of a real live Christmas tree, one of Washington's finest, sent by their relatives up there.

Guests at the BERNARD BROWNSTEIN residence in the Ellsworth Orchard will be her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Belinsky, who will motor up here from their home in Long Beach.

The FRANKLIN BROWNS of Newark will be guests at the home of her mother, Mrs. F. H. Sayles, also of Newark. Also present will be Mr. Brown's mother, Mrs. Josephine Brown, and Mrs. Brown's sisters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Logan and Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Lund.

Mr. and Mrs. JOAQUIN CALDEIRA of Newark will have all the members of their family present for a big family gathering on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD P. COSTA of Newark will be guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Robert Lewis of Centerville. Other guests at the Lewis home will be his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Lewis, and Miss Mitzi Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. HENRY HIBNER of Niles will have as their dinner guests their niece, Miss Jean Van Camp, who is in nurses' training at Highland Hospital, and Evan Parry.

Guests of Mrs. M. D. SILVA of Newark for Christmas dinner will be her son, Eugene Silva and his wife and son; and her two brothers, John E. Dutra of Centerville, and Bill Dutra of Newark, and their wives and families.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. HODGE of Niles are looking forward to the arrival of their nephew, Grant Lipelt, who is in the service at San Diego. They are not quite sure that he will arrive in time for Christmas dinner, but they are hoping. With him will be his wife.

Mrs. GEORGIANA HOSKINS of Niles will spend Christmas day with her son, John Hoskins, and his wife and two children at their home in San Mateo. Accompanying Mrs. Hoskins will be Miss Olive Hoskins and Mrs. F. V. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. PATTERSON of Newark will be in the enviable position of having their three sons and their wives, and all of the seven grandchildren home for Christmas Eve. The three sons are John of Irvington; David, who is living in Pittsburg; and Don-

ald, who lives in Palo Alto. The John Pattersons have two children, and the Donald Pattersons have five.

Mr. and Mrs. JACK STEVENSON of Centerville are planning for twelve around their Christmas dinner table. Included will be her relatives from across the bay, and also Max and Evangeline Stevenson of Centerville.

The AMADEU ABREU home in Centerville will be a very festive place on Christmas Eve for there will be present at a Christmas Eve party.

At the JOE ADAMS home in Centerville it will be strictly a family Christmas with Mrs. Adams' mother, Mrs. Lena Patterson, and the Adams' daughter, Mrs. John Brainard (Beverly Adams) and her husband and baby.

Mr. and Mrs. GLEN HARRELSON of Canyon Heights are keeping their fingers crossed, hoping nothing will happen to prevent their going down to Bakersfield to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Horton. With her husband sick last week, and also her baby, Mrs. Harrelson is not too confident that her plans will turn out the way she wants them to.

Mr. and Mrs. ALEX DE KNOOP of Newark will have Christmas Eve with his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. John Schilling of Newark, but will motor over to San Rafael on Christmas day to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Cheda.

Guests at the RAY EAGLER home in Newark will be her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Enos, and Mrs. Eagler's sister, Marilyn Enos, who is home from Sonoma for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. VICTOR HESCHER of Niles will have an exceptionally merry Christmas this year as her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Knapp, traveled all the way from Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, to get here in time for Christmas. They arrived this week by plane, after having flown 6,000 miles. They will be here a month, and the Heschers expect to show them all the sights of California. Other guests at the Heschers home on Christmas day will be another sister, Mrs. L. R. Hickey and her husband and daughter, Sandra Jean.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. GEIB will have a "turn-about" week-end, spending Christmas Eve at the home of their son, George Geib, and then on Christmas day having the George Geibs over at their house.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. BIDDLE of Newark, who have had illness in the family, will have a very quiet Christmas, but will, however, have out-of-town guests, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bell of Alameda.

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Let us give thanks together for the priceless gift of Christmas.  
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MAY EVERY HOUR BE PLEASANT AND CHEERFUL

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The best way to say it is the way everyone says it—with a simple "Merry Christmas."

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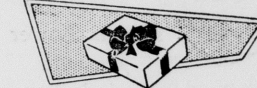
May the tidings of great joy be yours in full this Christmas

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MAY ALL THE SEASON'S BEST BE YOURS THIS CHRISTMASTIME.



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God willing, there will be no pain of sadness to mar the tender happiness that Christmas ought to bring to all of you.

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**HAPPY HOLIDAY**  
to all of you.  
May no cloud appear to disturb its serenity.  
**BEST WISHES**  
1949

**PEERLESS GRILL**

Ted Niles Elsie

## DAY BY DAY IN DECOTO

By GRACE CAMINADA



Grace Caminada

### AT THE FIGHT

Frank Scarpiniti and Eddie Delgado attended the 10-round fight at the Oakland Auditorium arena last Monday night to see Joe Louis knock out Al Hoosman in the fifth round.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

The first graders of Miss Larson's class of the Decoto School had a Christmas party last Friday morning at 10 o'clock. After their lunch and party they all met Santa. Accordion solos were played by Charles Scarpiniti. Also various records were played.

### HE LOSES ONE

Harry Carvalho of Decoto lost a five-round fight Monday night at the Oakland auditorium. His opponent was Frankie Sequiera.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Peixotto will have Christmas dinner at their home. Guests will include Mrs. Mary Luna, Miss Nettie Luna, Mrs. Mary Duarte, all of Decoto; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams and family of Newark; Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Knobles and family of Hayward; and Mr. and Mrs. Mel Luna of Albany.

### SANTA VISITS

Last Friday Santa visited the Decoto school, giving a bag of candy to the children. The candy was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch and the P.T.A. Also parties were held in all the classrooms.

### YOUNGSTERS EAT

Boy Scouts and the Junior Traffic Patrol of Decoto were treated to a feed and a Christmas program at the Decoto Elementary School last Saturday night by the Chamber of Commerce. Joe Caldeira was the chairman of arrangements.

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## HOW THEY'LL SPEND CHRISTMAS

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The M. L. FOURNIERS of Niles will spend Christmas Eve at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Silva (Muriel Fournier) in Hayward, but will spend Christmas day as dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bennett at their home in East Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. FRANK FIELDS of Niles will motor to Hayward to a family dinner party at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bruno.

Mr. and Mrs. JOHN GALVIN of Niles will spend Christmas day at the home of her mother, Mrs. Louisa Kik of Oakland. And they are already making plans for the New Year holiday, for they will be spending that day in Santa Barbara at the home of cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lloyd.

The R. M. COMPTONS of Niles will have a dinner guests her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Joseph of Irvington and a friend of Audrey's, Perry Jones of Klamath Falls, Oregon; and a friend of Carolyn's, Nolin Pike of Oakland. Also present will be other friends from San Jose.

The JOSEPH DAMAS family of Santos Avenue will spend Christmas Eve at home but will motor up to Oakland on Christmas day to have dinner with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Cunha.

Mr. and Mrs. TONY COSTA of Niles will motor to San Leandro to be dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Peterson.

Guests at the WALTER BLAKE residence in Centerville will be Walter Jr. and his fiancée, Charlotte Janeiro, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Goble of Oakland, Marvin Blake of Oakland, Mr. and Mrs. George Blake and daughter of Aptos, and Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Blake and son and daughter of Hayward.

It will be a family gathering for Christmas day at the home of MRS. VERA DARLING of Niles. Those present will be her mother, Mrs. Catherine Rose, and Mrs. Rose's sister, Miss Julia McGovern.

Guests at the CHARLES DAVIS home in Niles will be her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Roderick of Niles Canyon; a daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barba of Hayward; another daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Manuel of Niles; and Robert Davis of Decoto.

Guests at the M. W. BENNETT home in Newark will be her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bell of Centerville, and her nephew, Sgt. Duncan Bennett of San Bernardino Air Field. All six will motor over to Livermore on Christmas Eve to spend the evening at the home of Mrs. Bennett's sister, Mrs. Ina Anderson.

The RAY AUCHARDS of Newark will have as their dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Freeman of Newark, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Pennell of Fresno, and also their

sons, of course, Philip of Gilroy, and Lloyd, who is home from Cal, and also Bernard Day.

Home for Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. BOLYARD of Newark, will be Mrs. Robert Peters (Darlene Bolyard) and her husband and son, Gary.

Dr. and Mrs. E. C. GRAU will spend Christmas Eve at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Chester Johnson of Oakland, and will motor over to San Mateo on Christmas day to be guests of her sister, Mrs. Joseph Tedesco, who is having a big family dinner party.

Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM A. BALDWIN of Niles are motoring up to Sacramento to spend the holiday week-end as guests of their son, William P. Baldwin and his wife and two little daughters. The Baldwins' daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE ROEDING, will have Christmas dinner at the home of the Griffith Olivers in Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. ANTHONY BETTENCOURT of Cherry Lane will have a free day on Christmas, not having to worry about preparing the Christmas dinner as they are planning to motor over to San Francisco to dine over there.

Mr. and Mrs. RUEL BROWN will be host and hostess to over twenty guests on Christmas day, but the dinner will be held at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. ALVES. Among the guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Anderson, parents of Mrs. Buddy Alves, who are flying down from Spokane, Washington, to be here for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. LAWRENCE AVILLA of Niles will spend Christmas Eve at home but will motor down to San Jose to be dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Avilla. Accompanying them, of course, will be their little daughter, Loretta Mae.

Mr. and Mrs. REGINALD CALHOUN and family will spend Christmas Eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warner Holm of Livermore. (The Holm's daughter, Marilyn, is Wayne Calhoun's fiancée.) They will spend Christmas day at their ranch in Livermore.

Mr. and Mrs. HARRY CESARI will motor to Hayward to be dinner guests of Mrs. Cesari's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM GARCIA will enjoy Christmas dinner at a family gathering at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ella Andrade, in Mission San Jose.

There will be a big family gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES CALDWELL of Niles. The following sons and daughters and their families will be present: Mr. and Mrs. John Strom of Livermore, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Austin of Livermore, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Harrelson of Centerville, Mr. and

Mrs. Troy Taylor of Niles, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Caldwell of Niles. Also present will be Mrs. Elizabeth Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. John Talley and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rich.

Mrs. ANNA BRADFORD of Niles has been invited to have Christmas dinner at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Krumland of Byron. Christmas Eve will be spent at the home of a niece, also of Byron.

MARGARET ASHTON and GLADYS ROSE of Niles will motor up to Berkeley to be dinner guests at the home of Miss Rose's niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT BLACOW, accompanied by Mrs. MILDRED WILDER, will motor over to San Francisco to dine with Mrs. Blacow's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. Steele.

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE BONDE will have as their guests, her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jorgenson of Oakland, and Mrs. Bonde's sister, Miss Addie Jorgenson of San Francisco, and the Jorgenson's sons, Carl and Robert, and the latter's family.

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE BONDE JR. will not be able to dine with the senior Bondes this year as they will be guests at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Rex Linforth of Berkeley. Motoring up to Berkeley with the young Bondes will be Mrs. Bonde's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Barry and two children of Fresno, who are house guests of the Bondes over the holidays.

Dining at the FRED DUFFIE home in Niles will be their son, Fred Jr., who is home from college on vacation, and Mrs. Duffie's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kohlenberg of Newark, and Mrs. Frieda Barton, also of Newark.

Mrs. FLORA CONNER, who has been enjoying her vacation from school teaching duties, will motor over to Manteca on Christmas Day to be a guest of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. H. Pickens.

Mr. and Mrs. FRED MELHASE and two children of Newark, having spent Thanksgiving in Oregon, will have a more quiet Christmas, with just the members of the family present.

Mr. and Mrs. LAWRENCE ALBERTS of Centerville will motor down to San Jose to dine with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Alberts.

Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM T. ALLAN and their son, Joseph, will spend the holiday in Irvington as guests of the R. D. Allans.

Mr. and Mrs. DANIEL ALVES of Centerville will spend their Christmas day at home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McMAHAN will have as their Christmas day guests Mrs. McMahan's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Goddard of Hayward.

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Naturally, there is a Santa Claus---just as naturally as there are children. No one even doubts that any more.

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## ...Around the Township...

### NORMA BIALE BECOMES BRIDE OF HAROLD BURNS AT NUPTIAL MASS LAST MONDAY

Wearing a pink crepe afternoon dress, with a matching pink hat, Miss Norma Biale of Niles walked down the aisle of Corpus Christi Church at a nuptial mass Monday morning to become the bride of Mr. Harold Burns. Her bouquet was fashioned of pink carnations and bouvardia.

Escorted to the altar by her uncle, Mr. Dan Quartaroli, the bride had her sister, Thelma, as her only attendant. Thelma wore a nutria crepe dress with a beige straw hat, and carried a bouquet of yellow carnations tied with green satin ribbon.

Doing best man honors was Samuel Burns, the bridegroom's brother. Mrs. Clarence Crane was at the organ for the wedding music, and Father Hennessy officiated at the ceremony.

Following the wedding a small reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. Biale, with only relatives and close

friends present to felicitate the happy pair.

The newlyweds have motored south for a two weeks' honeymoon, and will return to make their home in Niles, where Mr. Burns operates a cabinet-making shop. The bride is a teacher at the Centerville Elementary School.

### Holiday Party for High School Set

One of the gay events of the high school crowd during the holiday season was the party given last Saturday night by co-hostesses Margaret Cole and Alma Clark, at the Cole home on Fremont Avenue.

Dancing and refreshments were the order of the evening. The guests who enjoyed the affair included Myrtle Hernandez, Betty Jacinto, Shirley Neighbors, Gerry Miller, Betty Lizardo, Louise Miller, Nonie Beck, Charlotte Seward, Mary Ann Gigger, Anna Mae Pierce, Antone Souza, John Castelman, Louis Avilla, Dan Goularte, Bob de la Torre, Len Salvador, Skipper del Fiorentino, Jim Griffin, Bob Sausedo, John Meeker, Don Pine and Don Burnham.

### To See Pageant

Motoring down from Alameda last Sunday to attend the Pageant at the high school were Mr. and Mrs. John M. Toedt, long-time friends of Dwight and Harriet Thornburg. After the pageant the two couples spent the evening together and dined al fresco at the Thornburg home.

### PAT HARROLD BECOMES BRIDE AT CEEMONY AT GRACE CATHEDRAL

Miss Elaine "Pat" Harrold made a lovely picture when she became the bride of John A. Thomson last Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Chapel of Grace at the Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. As she walked down the aisle on the arm of her father, she was dressed in a gown of ivory satin trimmed with rose-point lace, with a heart-shaped neckline and a skirt draped with lace. Her ivory-colored illusion veil was also trimmed with rose-point lace. The wedding dress belonged to Pat's mother. She carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley.

Her attendants were her sister, Mrs. Cecil Wolverton, the matron of honor, and Mrs. Norman Wagner of Benicia, another sister, and Mrs. Herbert F. Harrold Jr., her sister-in-law of Sacramento. All three were dressed alike in gowns of taupe bronze brocade, trimmed with brown velvet sashes. They donned brown velvet hats and all

carried shower bouquets of red roses.

William Fisher of Los Angeles was best man. The ushers were Herbert F. Harrold Jr., William M. Kisher Jr. and Charles Gunn of Pasadena, and Howard A. Collins of Greenbrae, Marin County.

Mrs. Harrold chose for her daughter's wedding a navy blue tailored frock trimmed in white and wore a winter white hat. She and the groom's mother wore lavender orchid corsages. Mrs. Thomson was in grey moire silk with a black velvet hat.

A reception was held at the bride's parents home, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Harrold of Whipple Road.

When the couple left for their honeymoon, destination not disclosed, Pat wore a brown gabardine suit with a brown hat and a corsage of white orchids. They will reside on Telegraph Hill after their honeymoon.

—Grace Caminada

### THE EDWARD DUTRAS HONEYMOONING IN SOUTH; TO RETURN IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

The township's newlywed roster added the names of Miss Gertrude Mozzetti and Edward Dutra with the couple's wedding at St. Joseph's Church in Mission San Jose last Saturday evening at a seven o'clock ceremony.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Leal in the presence of a large crowd of friends and well-wishers of the popular pair.

Mr. Mozzetti of San Francisco, the bride's godfather, escorted her down the aisle. She repeated her vows in a white satin gown which was styled with Peter Pan collar, fitted bodice accented with seed pearls, and a long train. A crown of seed pearls, held by a French illusion finger-tip veil, completed her ensemble. She carried a prayer book and rosary, with a marker of white orchids and orange blossoms.

Serving as maid of honor was Miss Dorothy Enos. She carried a basket of baby orchids and wore the same in her hair, which offset

her gown of antique gold satin.

The other attendants, Kathy Viveiros, Mrs. Laura Lee Mozzetti, and Mrs. Evelyn Rose, were in emerald green satin, which provided a perfect background for the baskets of bronze baby chrysanthemums which they carried. They wore the same flowers in their hair.

Doing best man honors was Gerald Dutra, and the ushers were Ben Mozzetti, Gilbert Dutra and Arnold Mozzetti.

The wedding music was played by Mrs. Mabel Gomes, and Robert Lizardo was the soloist.

A reception at the Country Club immediately followed the ceremony, and the floral decorations done by Dorothy Czerny and Audrey Carmody brought plaudits from the many friends who came to felicitate the pair.

On a honeymoon in southern California and Mexico, the newlyweds expect to return home this week-end. They will live on Jones Way in Niles.

### CHARLOTTE JANEIRO ANNOUNCES BETROTHAL TO WALTER BLAKE JR.

Romance seems to be in the air this Christmas season. Another couple to have succumbed to the little fellow with the bow and arrow are Walter Blake Jr. and Charlotte Janeiro.

The announcement of the couple's engagement was made last Saturday evening at a Christmas tree-trimming at the Blake home.

Present in addition to the Blakes and Charlotte were Mr. and Mrs. Don Fore. The bride-to-be is employed at the Kaiser Company in Oakland.

Young Blake, who served with the army for a year and a half in Korea, is employed with the telephone company in Hayward.

No definite plans have been made for a wedding, but it will likely be held late next summer.

### To Spend Vacation In Arizona

Mrs. Fred Duffie of Niles, will leave on Christmas night, by bus, for Yuma, Arizona, to renew friendships she made there when she taught at an Indian school several years ago. She will be a guest of Bob and Marie Brauch. She plans to return before school starts so that she can resume her teaching duties at the Tennyson school.

In the meantime, her husband and her son, Fred Jr., who is home from Cal and working at the Niles post office for the vacation, will "batch" it.

### Boys in Guam Enjoy The Register

Word comes from John Conner from Guam to his mother, Mrs. Flora Conner, that the copy of The Register he receives every week is one of the highlights of the week, not only for him, but also to his friend, Eddie Cardoza, who is stationed at the Naval Air Station there at Agana. The two fellows get together and go over the items in The Register and have a real bull-session, so John writes. John is from Niles and is with the Civilian Police in Guam. He signed up for a year, which will be up next July.

Miss Harriet Dias of Niles attended the annual Christmas party of her sorority last Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Charlene Reed of Berkeley.



MR. AND MRS. MANUEL MELLO (center front) celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary recently. Shown with them at the dinner are (back row) Frank Perry, Manuel Perry, Jessie Perry, John Perry, and Tony Perry. Front row, Joe Mello, Rita Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Mello, and Frank Mello. —Stinhilver Photo

### Twenty-First Birthday Party at Claremont

Richard Brunelli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Brunelli of Niles, had a real surprise on his twenty-first birthday. Thinking that he was going to the Claremont with only his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Plummer, he arrived at the hotel to find a whole crowd of his friends waiting to wish him "happy birthday."

Those who enjoyed the dinner-dancing included the Plummers, Gerry Fernandez, Adolph Enos, Wyni Dias, Wayne Davis, Barbara Re, Don Querner, Georgia Cooper, Harold Alameda, Cora Perez, Everett De Salles, Norma Betten-court, Charlie Allen, Delfine Soito, Philip Erlewein, Nelda Hammond, Cyrus Caldeira, Elaine Joseph, Albert Silva, Phyllis Correia, and Mr. and Mrs. Brunelli.

Richard will return the day after Christmas to the General Motors school at Flint, Michigan, where he is taking a course that will be completed next August.

### Wedding Bells To Ring Tonight

Wedding bells will join with Christmas bells in ringing the glad tidings for Erlene Sudberry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Sudberry of the Alviso district, and Bill Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Adams of Newark. The young couple will exchange vows at a six-thirty o'clock ceremony this evening (Friday) at the Assembly of God Church in Centerville, and afterwards will leave for a brief honeymoon, to return next Monday and make their home in Newark.

The bride has been attending Washington High. Her husband-to-be also attended Washington High and is now employed at Jason's.

### RONNIE OLIVER AND BARBARA SCRIVANI ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR SUMMER WEDDING

It will be a summer wedding for Ronnie Oliver of Niles and Miss Barbara Scrivani of Oakland, probably some time in August.

The young couple, whose engagement was recently announced, both attended San Jose State College. Miss Scrivani, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Scrivani of Oakland, went to State for two

years and now is attending Merritt Business College, in the mornings, and working at the University of California in the afternoons.

Ronnie is in his senior year at State and will receive his A.B. degree next June but will return for another year in order to receive his teaching credentials. He is a Washington Union High alumnus.

### MR. AND MRS. GEO. SMITH ON HONEYMOON IN CARMEL AFTER SATURDAY NUPTIALS

A simple wedding at Corpus Christi Church in Niles last Saturday afternoon united in marriage Adele Bertolotti and George S. Smith.

The bride, daughter of Mr. A. P. Bertolotti of Newark, donned a white wool crepe dress for her wedding, and with it wore a feather hat. She carried a white orchid and prayer book.

Her sister, Mrs. Howard Buschke, was her only attendant. She wore a wine-colored crepe dress and carried a bouquet of white roses and bouvardia.

Mrs. George Smith, the bridegroom's mother, chose a gray crepe frock for her son's wedding, and with it wore a hat which was accented by pink roses, the same

shade as the roses she wore in her corsage.

Leonard Smith performed best man honors for his brother.

The wedding music was supplied by Mrs. Rose Vieux, soloist, and Mrs. Clarence Crane at the organ.

Miss Wyni Dias did the floral decorations for both the church and the Smith home, where the reception was held, and was congratulated on all sides for her clever arrangements.

After the reception the young couple—high-school sweethearts—left for a honeymoon to Carmel.

They will live in Los Angeles near the U.S.C. campus until the benedict finishes his course in pharmacy.

### Visits Son

Mrs. Jewell Day of Oakland was visiting her son, Bernard Day, over last week-end. He appeared in the Christmas pageant at high school and naturally Mrs. Day couldn't miss it. Bernard lives with the Auchard family in Newark.

### Home from Hospital

Miss Shirley Alameda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Alameda of Irvington, returned home Tuesday after a two-day sojourn in the San Jose Hospital, where she underwent an operation on her throat. She is recuperating nicely, according to her family.

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### NEWARK SCHOOL

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plan. Yet to be built is another section housing seven more classrooms and a combination cafeteria and auditorium.

The new building utilizes picture windows in each classroom and has room-length drapes to darken the rooms for visual education movies.

Furniture and fixtures in each room are finished in light colors to give a cheerful appearance. Outdoor playgrounds, not yet completed, will segregate the primary pupils from the upper grades.

### DEDICATION IN SPRING

Just when the district will undertake the completion of the remaining portion of the building is not known but it is faced with the problem of making the move in the not too distant future. The old building, constructed in 1915, has been ruled inadequate in earthquake protection.

MacGregor said this week that dedication ceremonies will not be held until some time in the spring and at that time the school will hold open house.

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## MRS. ROSE BELSHAW

### FATALLY INJURED

Mrs. Rose Dorothy Belshaw, 45, of 3455 Palomares Road, Hayward, was fatally injured in a highway crash on Pergola Hill about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday evening, and will be given final rites in Niles on Saturday.

Mrs. Belshaw, a native of San Jose, was the wife of Joseph Belshaw; daughter of Salvador and Marie Riele of Hayward; sister of Phyllis Jagado, Hayward, Leona Cognina, Centerville, Louise Riele, Oakland, John Riele, Hayward, and Jasper Riele of Hayward.

A rosary service will be held at the parlors of the Berge Mortuary Company in Niles tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock.

Services will be held from the parlors Saturday at 9:30 a.m. followed by a requiem mass at Corpus Christi Church at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Holy Ghost Cemetery in Centerville.

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## HOW THEY'LL SPEND CHRISTMAS

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The C. E. OSTERHOLT family will undoubtedly have a merry Christmas but not as merry as it might have been—for there are measles in the family! One of their three children, Spencer, came down with the measles last Tuesday.

With the Osterholts at Christmas dinner will be her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Schulte, who have been visiting from Kansas. Mr. Osterholt—in case you didn't know it—is manager of the Safeway Store in Centerville.

Mrs. W. H. FORD, accompanied by her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Stocking, who are building a new home on the Ford property, will motor over to Stockton to be the guests of Mrs. Ford's niece, Mrs. Dorothy Taylor.

Mrs. J. C. SHINN SR., accompanied by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shinn, will motor over to Palo Alto to be dinner guests of a daughter, Mrs. Sherman Leonard. After the Christmas holiday, Mrs. Shinn will go up to Sutter Creek to spend New Year's with the Solinsky family.

The A. B. HILLS of Alvarado will have as their dinner guests her mother Mrs. S. W. Waterhouse of Palo Alto, and Mrs. Hill's two brothers, Richard Waterhouse, and Mr. and Mrs. John Waterhouse. Their daughter, Judy Hill Decker, is still on her honeymoon so won't be home for Christmas.

Gathered around the Christmas dinner table at the ROMEO BRUNELLI home in Niles will be their son, Richard; their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Don Plummer (Marjorie Brunelli), and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brunelli and son, Bob.

The R. J. WRIGHTS of Irvington will motor to San Jose to be dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alden Zemanek.

The DWIGHT THORNBURGS are still up in the air over their Christmas plans—not knowing whether they will have dinner at her brother's home in San Jose (The Rev. Joyce Farr), or whether he and his family will come to their home in Centerville. In any event they will all have Christmas together, whether it's in Centerville or San Jose. They will be joined by Mrs. Thornburg's mother, Mrs. Harriet Farr of Stockton.

The W. G. DENTONS will make it a family day with their daughter, Mrs. George Emerson (Betty Denton) and her husband and baby as dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. CAESAR DI GIULIO of Niles will have Christmas dinner at the home of her father, Mr. Peter Del Grande of Niles. Other guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Nick Gurich and family of Santa Clara and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hamm of Niles.

Mr. and Mrs. LLOYD DRY-BREAD of Niles will spend the day at home with just members of their family present for the holiday dinner.

The HARVEY BRAUNS will have a big family dinner, with guests arriving from all points of the bay area. With the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Coizzi and son of an Francisco, all the rest of the guests are relatives. They include Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wargin of San Rafael, Mrs. Dorothy Camera and son of Millbrae, Mr. and Mrs. William Strait of Tracy, Mr. and Mrs. William Estudillo of Niles, and Mr. and Mrs. Wallman and daughter of Centerville.

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Guests at the WILLIAM BAULDRY home in Centerville will be her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller; and her mother, Mrs. Francis Glover of Oakland, and Mr. Harry Greten, also of Oakland.

The A. A. BETTENCOURTS of Centerville will have the whole family home for Christmas dinner—the Anthony Bettencourts, the Clair Bettencourts, the Cecil Bettencourts, the Vincent Bettencourts, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hoffman, which large crowd indicates that the Bettencourt home will be a very happy and merry one.

The ALLAN WALTONS of Centerville will be hosts to an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hartford of Modesto, and to Mr. Walton's mother, Mrs. W. W. Walton.

Guests at the ROBERT MOORE home will be her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bienenstein of San Francisco, and Mr. Moore's mother, Mrs. Flora Moore of Oakland.

The WARREN GRAVESTOCKS will have a family Christmas party on Christmas Eve, and will motor over to Palo Alto on Christmas Day to be dinner guests of his sister, Mrs. Carrol DaMant, and her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. HODGES of Centerville will motor to San Jose Christmas Eve to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orin Fitzsimons. On Christmas day they themselves will host a dinner party for their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Fitzsimons (Irma Hodges), Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith of Santa Clara, and Mr. and Mrs. Orin Fitzsimons.

Mr. and Mrs. WES SEARS will be guests at his sister's, Mrs. Eldora Houston. Also present will be their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Sears.

Mr. and Mrs. HAROLD JANSSEN of Niles and their two little boys are planning a family Christmas dinner with Mr. Janssen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Janssen of Gridley, as their guests. Also present will be Chuck Laviolette, also of Gridley.

The AL VIEUX family of Niles will have as their guests Mrs. Robert Vieux and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Querner Jr.

J. V. (POP) GOOLD, principal of the high school, will put school things behind him on Christmas day to devote himself to playing host to his and Mrs. Goold's guests, the Andrew Logan family.

Mr. and Mrs. MANUEL FERREIRA of Niles will have just the members of their immediate family around the Christmas dinner table. This includes, of course, their two daughters, Elaine and Clair.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. DURHAM of Irvington will have a whole household of guests on Christmas day. There will be their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Foster; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster and daughters, Lyn and Ann; Mr. Asa Collins, Mrs. Alice Collins, and Miss R. V. Cooke.

Mrs. MARGARET BUNTING of Mission San Jose will go across the bay for the holiday week-end, spending Christmas Eve at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Mulcahy; and on Christmas day will be with her son, John Bunting, and his wife and children. Both families live on the peninsula.

Mr. and Mrs. JOHN WOLF of Newark will have an especially cheery and merry Christmas—what with all the canary birds they have, and all the awards they recently received for their training of these canary birds.

At the home of MRS. MAE MOORE of Niles will be Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Cronin and son, Ray, of Piedmont; Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Arth of Piedmont, Mr. William Coyne of San Francisco, and Mrs. Helen Nolan.

Mr. and Mrs. WM. D. CULL will be dinner guests of the R. H. Kendricks, and of their grandson, Billy Cull, at Richmond, on Christmas day.

## LOCAL COUPLE ATTEND WORLD PREMIER

**WILLIAM SANTANAS ARE HONORED GUESTS**  
Attending a world premier is a distinction in itself but attending such a premier as honored guests, such as a local couple enjoyed last Wednesday evening, is an honor rarely achieved.

The lucky couple was Mr. and Mrs. William Santana of Irvington and the premier they attended was the movie "The Sands of Iwo Jima," which played at the Fox Theater in San Francisco.

The audience for the first showing of the new picture was composed entirely of U. S. Marines and

Bill reported this week that practically all the pictures of the battle were taken during the actual fighting by Photographer Joe Rosenthal, whose picture of the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima gained national recognition. "Very realistic" was the way Bill summed up the picture this week.

## FATALLY INJURED AT DECOTO MILL

John Norbert Naia, 59, a watchman at the New Colma Lumber Mill in Decoto, was fatally injured at the plant Wednesday evening when he was struck on the head by some falling material.

He was the husband of Mary Delphina Naia; father of Isadore N. Naia and Leroy J. Naia, both of Hayward. He is also survived by four grandchildren.

He was a native of Fayal, Azore Islands, but had been a resident of Decoto for the past 26 years.

Funeral services will be held from the parlors of the Berge Mortuary Company in Niles at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 27, followed by a requiem mass at Corpus Christi Church at 10 a.m.

A rosary service will be recited at the parlors of the mortuary on Monday at 8 p.m. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward.

### HOME FROM OREGON

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bell are expected to return to their home in Centerville this week-end after a six weeks' visit in Oregon, where they stayed with her relatives. Most of their time was spent around Salem.

### From Texas

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Auchard of Newark last week-end were their niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Orechwa and sons, Wayne and Gary, of Camp Hood, Texas.

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## Bon Voyage Party

Attending a cocktail party on board the Lurline last night were Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Grau, who went over to wish "bon voyage" to Mrs. Cull Salz who is leaving for the Christmas tour of the Hawaiian Islands. Mrs. Salz, a resident of Redwood City, has many friends in this area.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

The East Bay Past Commanders Club of the "Maccabees" had their annual Christmas party and the revealing of secret pals at On-stads in San Leandro on Thursday night.

Those attending were Catherine Parry, Nora Rogers and Emily Fields.

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